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FIRM PROFILE:

Justice Catalyst Law, is a tax-exempt¹ non-profit law firm that activates path-breaking approaches to social justice lawyering that have real-world impact and improve the lives of those denied access to justice.

Justice Catalyst Law was founded in 2018 as the legal affiliate of Justice Catalyst, a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization devoted to collaborative, multidisciplinary, problem-centric work to improve the lives of marginalized communities. By putting problems and people first, and analyzing them from multiple perspectives, Justice Catalyst Law creatively explores whether litigation can advance human and civil rights or economic and social justice.

Justice Catalyst Law's work emphasizes the commercial and private rights violations that underlie systemic social and economic injustice. It seeks to apply a varied set of legal disciplines like competition law, consumer protection, employment law, civil rights, criminal justice, and environmental justice, often in contexts where advocates have not previously focused on those disciplines.

Justice Catalyst Law's team has extensive expertise in effectuating broad-scale change through legal work in both the litigation and policy arenas, and in particular the application of antitrust and consumer protection law to major social problems. The team at Justice Catalyst regularly consults on consumer, antitrust, and class and whistleblower procedural issues--expanding and enhancing the tools available to public interest and civil rights organizations nationally.

Prior to joining the firm, Justice Catalyst Law's leadership team has been engaged in class practice in numerous consumer and antitrust class actions including *In re: Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation*, No. 12-md-02311 (E.D. Mich.), *In re: Packaged Seafood Products Antitrust Litigation*, No. 15-md-2670 (S.D. Cal.), *Cason-Merenda v. Detroit Medical Center*, No. 06-15601 (E.D. Mich.), *Hadley v. Subaru of America, Inc.*, No. 15-7210 (D.N.J.) (sparking the recall of defective cars whose hoods flew open while driving), and *Noble v. Samsung Electronics America, Inc.*, No. 15-cv-03713 (D.N.J.). Its team has also been involved in many law enforcement actions involving consumer protection at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, as well as policy work such as legal guidance documents involving student loans, auto

¹ 501(c)(3) status pending



lending, credit reporting, and payment processing, and Federal rulemaking such as a major rule requiring payday lenders to assess consumers' ability to repay before making loans.

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TEAM

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